

Climate Change Resources

BOOKS

Antal, Jim. *Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change*. R Rowman and Littlefield Publishing, 2018.

The author contends that climate change is the greatest moral challenge humanity has ever faced. multiple forms of global social injustice, hunger, refugees, poverty, inequality, deadly viruses, war – are multiplied by climate change and that churches must meet this moral challenge. Specific suggestions as to how to do so are provided.

Berners-Lee, Mike. *There Is No Planet B: A Handbook for the Make or Break Years*. Cambridge, 2019.

Brown, Lester. *The Great Transition*. W.W. Norton and Company, 2015

An excellent resource on advances taking place in the renewable energies sector.

Figueres, Christiana and Tom Rivett-Carnac. *The Future We Choose: Surviving the Climate Crisis*. Knopf Publishers, 2020.

Figueres and Rivett-Carnac-who led negotiations for the UN during the Paris Agreement of 2015-argue for confronting the climate crisis head-on. The authors present options and tell us what governments, corporations, and each of us can do to counter the disastrous effects of climate change.

Klein, Naomi. *This Changes Everything: Capitalism versus the Climate*. Simon and Schuster, 2014.

Klein gives compelling evidence on how climate change does, indeed, change everything. She combines science, statistics, field reports and personal insights and provides a clear and compelling explanation of why the climate crisis challenges us to restructure the global economy and remake our political systems.

Klein, Naomi. *On Fire: The (Burning) Case for a Green New Deal*. Simon and Schuster, 2019.

With reports spanning from the ghostly Great Barrier Reef, to the annual smoke-choked skies of the Pacific Northwest, to post-hurricane Puerto Rico, to a Vatican attempting an unprecedented “ecological conversion,” Klein makes the case that we will rise to the existential challenge of climate change only if we are willing to transform the systems that produced this crisis.

Korten, David C. *Change the Story, Change the Future: A Living Economy] for a Living Earth*. Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 2015.

Korten contends that every society is governed by stories – overarching cultural frameworks that determine what people value and how they understand and relate to the world and each other. He argues that our current political, economic, and environmental crisis can be traced to fatal flaws in our current stories, and offers a new one that promises a better future.

McKibben, Bill. *Eaarth: Making a Life on a Tough New Planet*. Times Books, 2010.

McKibben guides readers to an understanding that we no longer inhabit the world in which we've flourished for most of human history. We've passed the tipping point for dramatic climate change, and even if we could stop emissions yesterday, our world will keep warming causing erratic weather patterns and catastrophes for centuries to come. But rather than giving into despair, McKibben leads the reader to inspiring communities of "functional independence" arising around the world and the role each of us might play.

Miller, Todd. *Storming the Wall: Climate Change, Migration and Homeland Security*. City Lights Publishers, 2017.

According to U.S. military planners, climate change now poses the #1 threat to the country, even before terrorism. The author cites reports that a person is four times more likely to be forced to move due to environmental disasters than by war. Todd investigates how the environmental crisis is creating millions of climate refugees.

Moe-Lobeda, Cynthia. *Resisting Structural Evil: Love as Ecological and Economic Transformation*. Fortress Press, 2013.

Moe-Lobeda emphasizes the moral dilemma facing humanity today, but also suggests principles and practices to deal with it.

Moore, Kathleen Dean and Michael P. Nelson (editors). *Moral Ground: Ethical Action for a Planet in Peril*. Trinity University Press, 2010.

Moral Ground presents the testimony of over eighty visionaries—theologians and religious leaders, scientists, elected officials, business leaders, naturalists, activists, and writers—to present a diverse and compelling call to honor our individual and collective moral responsibility to our planet. Contributors from throughout the world (including North America, Africa, Australia, Asia, and Europe) bring forth a rich variety of perspectives and traditions.

Nash, Sarah. *Negotiating Migration in the Context of Climate Change: International Policy and Discourse*. Bristol University Press, 2019.

Assessing migration in the context of climate change, Nash draws on empirical research to offer a unique analysis of policymaking in the field. This detailed account is a vital step in understanding the links between global discourses on human mobilities, climate change and specific policy responses.

Pope Francis. *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*. Our Sunday Visitor. 2015.

Pope Francis, addressing the people of the planet, provides the foundation for an ethical and spiritual journey. He outlines the current state of our common home, the Gospel message as seen through creation, the human causes of the ecological crisis, ecology and the common good and a call to action.

Rasmussen, Larry. *Earth-honoring Faith: Religious Ethics in a New Key*. Oxford University Press, 2015.

Rasmussen brings together theology and ethics and articulates a compelling argument for the transformation of religions into their ecological phase.

Singer, Merrill. *Climate Change and Social Inequality*. Routledge, 2018.

Singer examines the global intersection of ongoing climate change and widening social inequality.

U.S. Global Change Resource Program. *The Climate Report: National Climate Assessment-Impacts, Risks, and Adaptation in the United States*. 2019.

Wallace-Wells, David. *The Uninhabitable Earth: Life after Warming*. Duggan Books, 2019.

David Wallace-Wells argues that the impacts of climate change will be much graver than most people realize and clearly explains why. *The Uninhabitable Earth* is a timely and provocative work.

Magazines

orionmagazine.org- Orion is a bi-monthly magazine whose mission is to inform, inspire, and engage individuals and grassroots organizations in becoming a significant cultural force for healing nature and community.

yesmagazine.org- YES! Magazine reframes the biggest problems of our time in terms of their solutions. Online and in print, it outlines a path forward with in-depth analysis, tools for citizen engagement, and stories about real people working for a better world.

WEBSITES

1. bioneers.org is an organization that is inspiring a shift to live on Earth in ways that honor the web of life, each other, and future generations.
2. catholicclimatemovement.global makes the connection between the current climate crisis and our Catholic faith.
3. climatenetwork.org The Climate Action Network (CAN) is a worldwide network of roughly 500 Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) working to promote government and individual action to limit human-induced climate change to ecologically sustainable levels.
4. <http://www.ec.gc.ca> is the official Canadian website (in French and English) which offers a wealth of information on multiple environmental issues.
5. epa.gov/climatechange is the official site of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and offers a wealth of information about the causes and effects of climate change as well as specific suggestions for actions to alleviate the effects of climate change in a variety of settings.
6. footprintnetwork.org provides tools to determine your environmental footprint.
7. greenbillion.org encourages colleges, universities, and other nonprofit institutions to invest a combined total of one billion dollars in self-managed revolving funds that finance energy efficiency improvements.
8. greenmaven.com is a search engine that focuses on green and sustainable websites.
9. www.ipcc.ch is the site provides information and data from the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

10. www.naturalstep.org is an international not-for-profit organization dedicated to education, advisory work and research in sustainable development.
11. unpei.org/sites/default/files/publications/Poverty-and-Climate-Change.pdf - Download a 26-page booklet entitled *Poverty and Climate Change: Reducing the Vulnerability of the Poor through Adaptation*.
12. www.postcarbon.org helps individuals and communities understand and respond to the environmental, societal, and economic crises created by our dependence on fossil fuels.
13. storyofstuff.com is a 20-minute, fast-paced, fact-filled look at the underside of our production and consumption patterns.
14. www.ulsf.org/resources_campus_sites.htm a list of websites devoted to campus sustainability programs, projects and committees at institutions of higher education.
15. www.unep.org is the official site of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). It offers a wealth of information on climate change science, policies and strategies.
16. freerice.com – for each answer you get right 10 grains of rice is donated through the United Nations World Food Programme to end hunger.
17. unfccc.int/2860.php is the official website of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
18. www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/index.cfm is the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website and offers multiple resources on Laudato Si' as well as broader environmental issues.
19. www.wiserearth.org is an online community space connecting the people, nonprofit and businesses working toward a just and sustainable world.
20. www.350.org is an international campaign that's building a movement to unite the world around solutions to the climate crisis—the solutions that science and justice demand. Our mission is to inspire the world to rise to the challenge.